

REMARKS

Applicants have elected the claims of Group I (Claims 1-6, 12 and 13) without traverse. Claims 7-11 and 14-16 have been withdrawn as to a nonelected species. Applicants reserve the right to seek rejoinder of claims pertaining to the non-elected subject matter pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 800. For example, upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants reserve the right to seek rejoinder pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04. Additionally, Applicants reserve the right to file continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications to pursue the withdrawn subject matter.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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